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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A stress-free lead frame (1) comprising;
a plurality of integrated circuit areas (11), each of said plurality of integrated circuit areas having a die pad (12) and a plurality of leads ; and

a peripheral pad (14) surrounding said plurality of integrated circuit areas,

said peripheral pad (14) being provided with a plurality of stress-relief means (15).

2. (Currently Amended) A stress-free lead frame (1) comprising;

a plurality of integrated circuit areas (11), each of said plurality of integrated circuit areas having a die pad (12) and a plurality of leads (13); and

a peripheral pad (14) surrounding said plurality of integrated circuit areas,———said peripheral pad (14) being provided with a plurality of interlocking means (16).